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For: NITRIDE SEMICONDUCTOR LASER
DEVICE AND OPTICAL PICKUP
APPARATUS THEREWITH

**SUPPLEMENTAL
PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits, Applicants respectfully request entry of this Supplemental Preliminary Amendment for the above-identified patent application. This Amendment is being submitted to amend the cross-reference to related applications as follows: